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historic Green Bay, Wisconsin is the site of the big 1970 edition of the Numismatists of Wisconsin Convention. The beautiful Northland Hotel will host the show which will have extensive local and statewide radio, newspaper, and television coverage. Headliner attractions will be Val Pasvolsky and Richard Yeoman. Pasvolsky, of Lakewood, New Jersey, is a noted exhibitor of monies of the Indian Wars Period and dresses in full Cheyenne War bonnet and trappings. Twenty cases of rare material make up the Pasvolsky

exhibit. Yeoman, who is considered "the world's number

one coin collector,"

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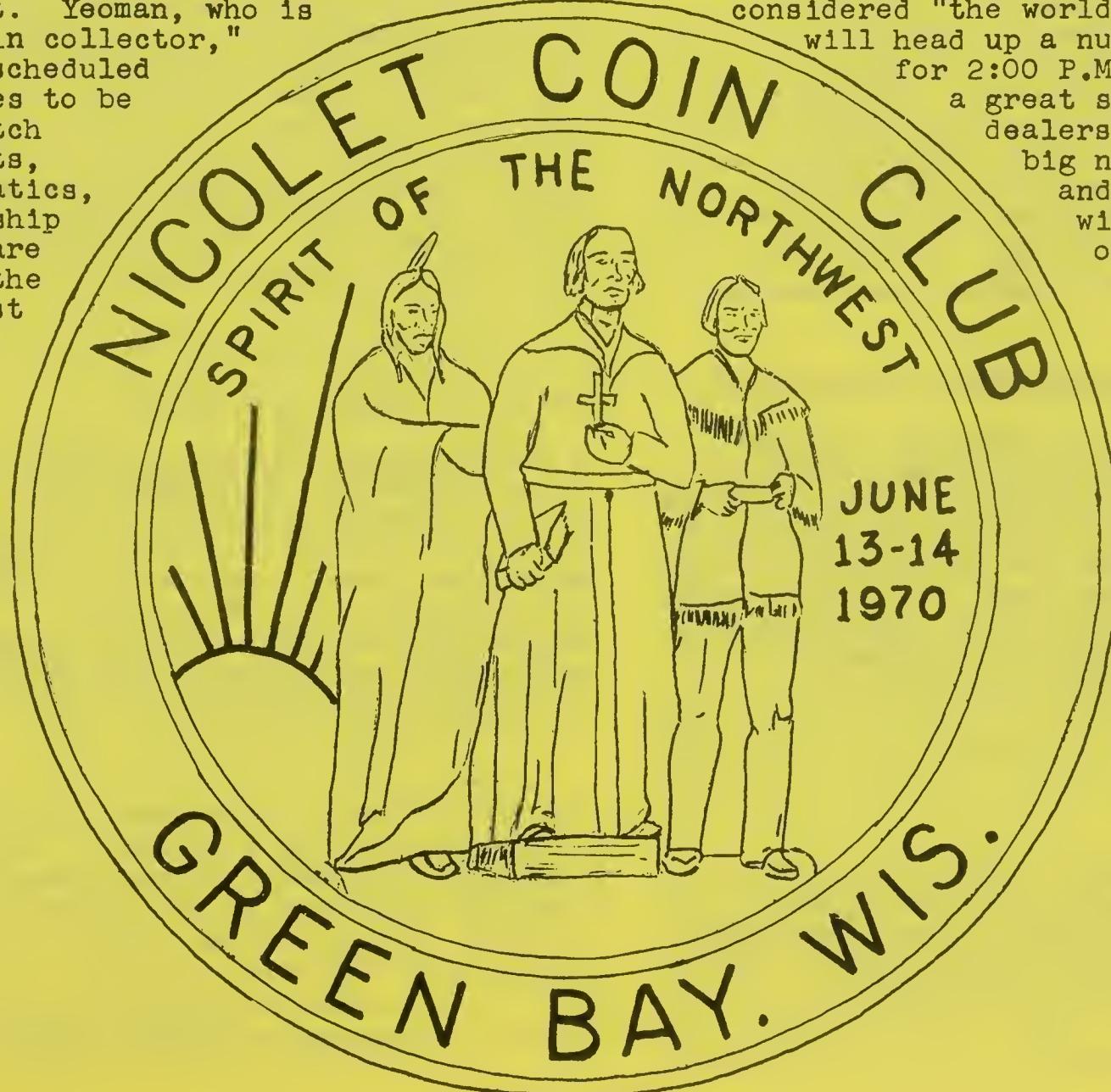
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N.O.W. ELECTION SLATE

Along with your N.O.W. News issue you will find official ballots for the 1970 spring election. Please fill in the proper "boxes," casting your ballot for the offices of President, Vice President, and four Board of Governors. Since the field is large, your vote is extremely important! Ballots must be in the hands of the secretary by June 10.

(B.O.G. candidates in alphabetical order)

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JACKSON, CULVER, HEAD TEXAS FORUM

N.O.W. Board of Governor, Virgil Jackson, was part of an educational forum held in Houston, Texas earlier this spring. Virginia Culver (N.O.W. #711). Also was on the forum along with two other persons, Virgil parked his trusty camper, pet pussycat, and all, right across from the Astrodome (quite a setting)!

CORRECTION

The Tomah Coin Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Farmers & Merchants Bank (basement meeting room). Junior club at 7:00 P.M. and adults at 8:00 P.M.

JACKSON COUNTY CLUB NEWS

The Jackson County Coin Club has placed a numismatic reference book in the Black River Falls Library in memory of charter member and former club officer, Enoch Locken (N.O.W. #477). who recently passed away. The April meeting of their active club featured an excellent talk by club member, Lawrence Jarrett, who spoke on "U.S. Cents, 1793 to Date."

Mail us your
club
news !



C.S.N.S. CHAIARMEN NAMED

Two veteran Milwaukee collectors, Gale Highsmith and Del Bertschy, have been named Co-Chairmen for the Big Central States Numismatic Society Convention to be held in Milwaukee April 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1972. State collectors who know these two fellows couldn't wish for a stronger team to head up this nationally recognized event!

ATTENTION TOKEN COLLECTORS

A gathering of persons interested in token collecting (all kinds) has been set for Sunday, June 14, at the Green Bay N.O.W. Show. 1:00 P.M. is the tentative time of the meeting aimed at formation of a "Wisconsin Exonumist Society (W.E.S.). Token collectors are urged to attend and bring trading material!

"Civilization is a matter of many hobbies - indeed the civilization may be estimated by the number and nature of the hobbies which attend upon it."

- Charles Dickens



Numismatic Property Insurance

After months of search and study the A.N.A. is now able to offer broad protection insurance coverage for private collections of its members.

Whether you keep your collection at home, in a private safe or vault, or a bank vault - you can protect it as a whole, and provide extra protection for special pieces in the collection when they are individually listed.

Collections must be insured to full value. In the event of loss, the following conditions will apply:

If your collection is kept at home or in some other location not in a safe or vault, the maximum reimbursement available is \$2500.00.

If your collection is normally kept in a safe or vault at home or elsewhere, the maximum limit of reimbursement is \$10,000. The vault must have a combination lock and one hour fire resistant rating. The collection may be removed temporarily for work or exhibit.

If you normally keep collection in a bank vault or safety deposit box, you will be reimbursed up to full value. Such a collection may be temporarily removed for work or exhibit.

For a collection on exhibition, or in transit to or from the exhibition (including 14 days before and after) there is maximum reimbursement of \$5,000.00. (Specific coverage in addition to this amount may be arranged upon request.)

If you have any additional questions, write to:

Albert H. Wohlers & Company,
Administrator
720 Garden Street
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

CLUB BULLETIN EXPANDED

A.N.A. has recently released its new and expanded "Club Bulletin."

The "Club Bulletin" serves as the American Numismatic Association's medium of reaching its 1,000 affiliated clubs. The Bulletin serves as an exchange of ideas so one club can see what another is doing and is spiced with helpful ideas and suggestions to better promote numismatics.

REPRINTS

"COINAGE OF THE CHINESE EMIGRE GOVERNMENT" (1949-1957)

David Graham and E. Kann (remembered for his book, "Illustrated Catalog of Chinese Coins") have authenticated the story of Taiwan's efforts to create a metallic currency.

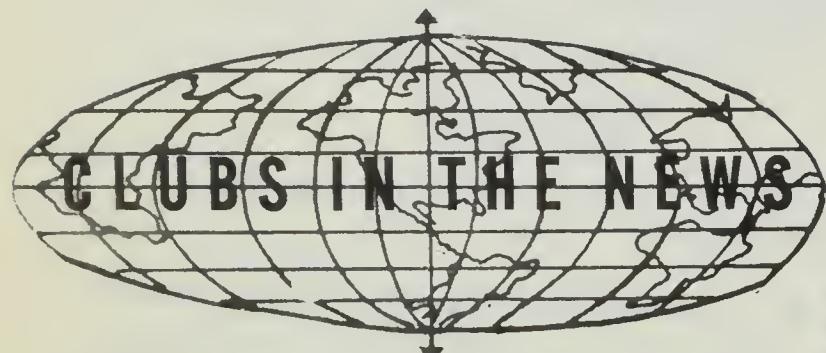
The Graham-Kann article is profusely illustrated with these emigre government coin specimens with a complete documentation of their descriptions. This reprint is available for \$1.00 by writing the A.N.A. Librarian, American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.

"INDIAN AND POST TRADER TOKENS"

J.J. Curto's article provides a supplementary descriptive list to the Hudson Bay and Northwest Territory tokens found in his first series. This issue, however, covers more of the early Western and Southwestern trading additions from Gallup, New Mexico along with trading tokens used after 1900. Many of the illustrations presented in this copy were sent to Mr. Curto in the form of rubbings, photographs and the originals themselves.

Another reprint issue in the series by J.J. Curto is "Post Exchange, Canteen and Other Military Tokens." This is a comprehensive index of tokens used by servicemen as credit in various forts, camps, and ships from their first issuance in 1895.

The two reprint booklets on "Indian and Post Trader Tokens" are available for \$1.00 ea. While the "Military Token" reprint is available for \$1.25, the set of (3) can be purchased for \$3.00 by writing the A.N.A. librarian, American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.



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(L to R) Tom Fruit, Jim Medd, Mike Segersin, Ray Phillips. "Welcome Matt'ers of 1970" could be the caption of this group. The Green Bay N.O.W. Show Chairmen: Tom Fruit - Bourse, Jim Medd - General, Mike Segersin - Financial, and Ray Phillips - Exhibit, paused at Beaver Dam progress meeting in early April.

DID YOU KNOW?

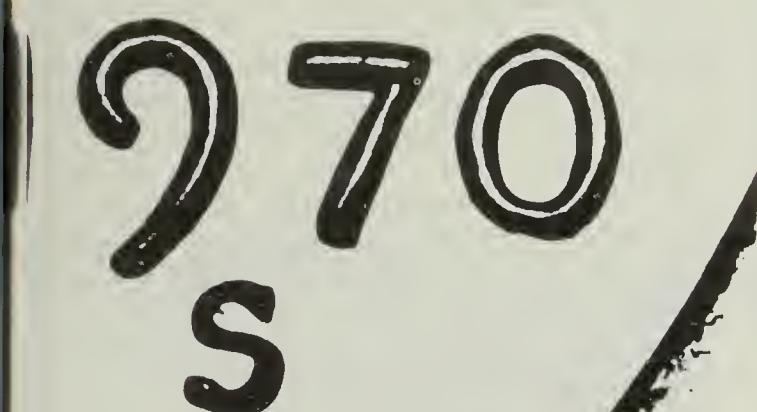
Frenchmen with hangovers can secure relief through coin-operated vending machines that provide a dozen lungfuls of pure oxygen for a Franc.

"SHARPENED" MASTER DIE RESPONSIBLE
LARGE DATE 1970-S CENTS

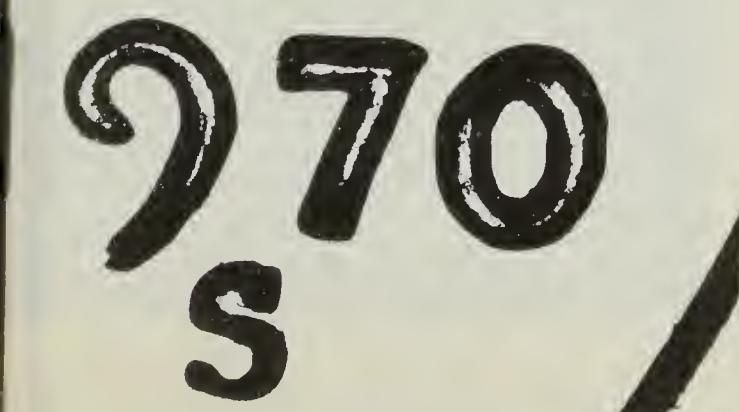
first major numismatic discovery
the new decade, the 1970-S large
small date cents, burst upon the
numismatic scene in early April.

mint spokesman revealed that the
difference in the date on the two
varieties of the coin can be
attributed to one of the engravers
"sharpened" the date in the
letter die. The master die is used
to create the working dies used to
make individual coins. This hand
work of the engraver resulted in a
significant lowering of the top of
the 7 in the date. The small dates,
in proof and circulation strikes,
have a sharp, square edge, and they
are thicker, a complement of 50
stacking one coin higher than a
normal roll; i.e., a stack of 49
small date cents is equal in height
to a stack of 50 large dates.

Below photos detail the difference
between the date digits on the large
small date 1970-S cents.



(ABOVE) LARGE DATE (BELOW) SMALL DATE



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ROTATED REVERSE DIE

Two basic factors cause rotated die
reverses. One is die slippage,
produced by a loose screw or wear
in whatever holds the die in place.
The other is having the die set
wrong in its fastening, by the
operator. Rotations of 90 or 180
degrees are most likely to be from
the latter cause.

Rotated reverses were common 100
years ago and up through Buffalo
nickels. You will rarely see a
complete set of Buffalos that
doesn't have at least two rotated
die coins in it.

Since about 1930, rotations are few
and far between, but do happen.
They can be found in any year on any
denomination. Most are very minor,
only a few degrees of rotation.

CANADA NICKEL PROBLEMS

The Canadian five-cent nickel coin
is in trouble, Canada's vending
machine industry warned recently.
It cited the recent nickel strike,
when the bullion value of this coin
rose to seven cents.

This led to the export across the
border of up to \$100,000 in nickels
in a period of a very few days.

The five-cent piece is the only coin
that faces immediate trouble. This is
due to its size. Coins of higher
denomination are protected against a
rise in intrinsic value that would
carry this above their token value.

What is foreseen is either a reduction
in the size of the nickel five-
cent piece, or a change to a new
material.



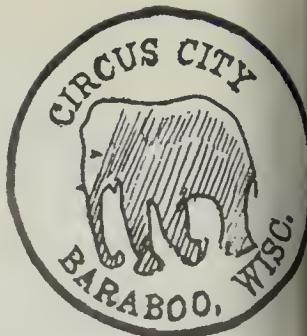
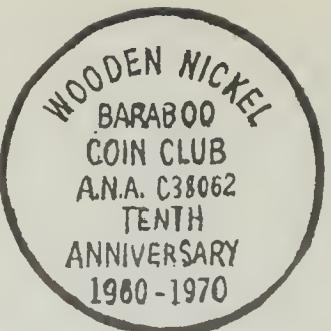
Milwaukee Numismatic Society life memberships were awarded to Walter Boyer (left) and A.P. (Del) Bertschy at the Milwaukee banquet.



Satiated by a fine meal, Milwaukee club members relax during "magic time" at the Ambassador Banquet. 90 members and guests attended.



DON'T PUT YOUR COIN CLUB TREASURER
IN THE HOLE.
PAY YOUR LOCAL COIN CLUB DUES
TODAY!



NEW BARABOO WOOD MONEY

When the Baraboo Coin Show is held at the Elks Club on May 31, it will herald the first "wood coin" issue by this active club. The "Circus City" reverse is a pleasant deviation from the usual Indian and Buffalo devices. The "wood coins" are to be given to all attending the one-day show.

TREASURY TOO FULL? CLUB BANQUETS ARE GREAT

With the Internal Revenue Department looking into surplus club funds with increasing frequency, here is food for thought.

Many state clubs "treat" members to a fine banquet each year and use the occasion to present awards, set up displays, and "invite the other half (better or masculine) to see what the hobby is all about. For instance, the Wisconsin Valley Club of Wausau uses surplus funds to purchase several hundred dollars in "door prize drawings" at their excellent annual banquet. The banquet of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society used an excellent idea in 1969. Each member attending the banquet paid \$2.50 for his ticket, the club treasury matched the amount. End result, a fantastic meal was provided by the Ambassador Hotel. Entertainment at both Wausau and Milwaukee consisted of always popular magic acts. Club banquets are great mixers too!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Adult Elk (as pictured on the Canada quarter) is about five feet high at the shoulder and weighs at least 900 pounds!



Miss Riemers and Mike Deglow pose
with their fine display at the Beaver Dam

BEAVER
DAM



Deglow ponders the exhibit
catalog list at the busy Beaver
Dam Show.

WISCONSIN NUMISMATISTS



Busy Bill Spencer is "Mr. Nice Guy" on the floor at the Beaver Dam Show on April 5.

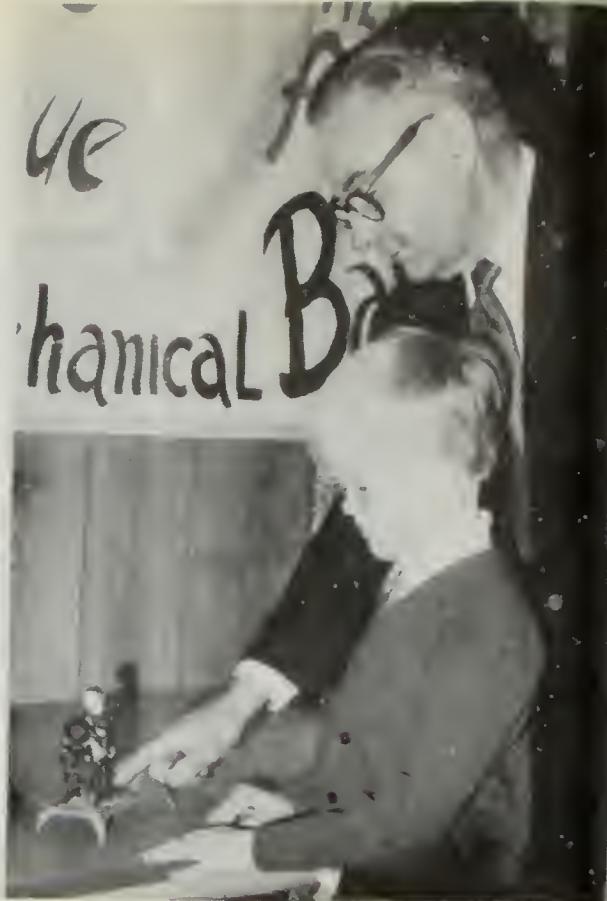


Here's a rare scene! Always at the
show, but rarely behind the table
are Harvey Binder and Ed Kellom of
Beaver Dam (at Beaver Dam Show).



Mike Segersin drives "The Hard Bargain" as N.O.W. Board Member Cliff Manthe (R) girds himself for "The Friend's Price." (Appleton Show)

APPLETON



Curtis Medd intently watches as mechanical bank collector Dwayne Hall of Green Bay sets it all in motion. (Appleton Show)



"One of the best in the state" is what collectors are saying about this display by Armmi Nimmer of Oshkosh. (Appleton Show)

Coin Collectors

In The State Of Wisconsin



Appearing often in Wisconsin shows is "The Big Dollar" of Iron Mountain, Michigan. (Appleton Show)

Editorial

object of any numismatic convention should be to further the "NATIONAL PROPERTIES OF numismatics" this is best done through exhibits. The show needs bourse fees to pay expenses, or the bourse is present to collectors obtain needed items, there's nothing wrong in that.

If the bourse is emphasized at expense of the exhibits, the show reduced to a commercial enterprise that should be understood by all concerned. By location or by signs, exhibits should be foremost in attention of all visitors to the show. None should be allowed to overtake them. Available facilities will determine what can be done, but both general and exhibit chairmen should always have that point in mind.

Some coin shows the bourse dealers' booths include individual lighting. If sponsors have lights for dealers' booths, they should light the exhibits

To the welfare of the exhibits and the welfare of the exhibitors. They should get VIP treatment in all possible respects, at least on a par with dealers. If dealers get special ribbons or ribbons, so should exhibitors etc. All exhibitors are entitled to fair and impartial as knowledgeable judges. That characteristic is least important but is helpful. Not all judges are authorities on all branches of numismatics. However, any lack of knowledge in any field should be compensated for to a considerable extent by the numismatic information included in the exhibit.

Poet's Nook

There isn't much fun spending coin on myself
neckties and up-to-date lids,
there's pleasure ten-fold in
the silver and gold
start with for things for the kids.
- Edgar A. Guest



TOKEN CATALOG

The third edition of Atwood's Catalog of U.S. and Canadian Transportation Tokens - is scheduled for publication by American Vecturist Association in May.

The new catalog will contain more than 800 pages, including over 100 full pages of illustrations, plus many partial ones. In all, there will be nearly 2,000 pictures in the new catalog.

"NUMI NOTES" FROM IOLA

An excellent Numismatic primer has been published by Krause Publications of Iola. The 8-page "handout" is designed for free distribution at coin shows and numismatic gatherings. Profusely illustrated in color, the paper is loaded with answers to the "most asked" noncollector and beginning collector queries. Included as well are tips on buying and selling coins, grading coins, and a dictionary of numismatic jargon. Extremely well edited and illustration oriented, the "Numi Notes" have generated considerable interest outside the hobby where exposed to the public.

NO SCARCE ONES HERE!

More than 7 billion United States coins were struck in 1969, an increase of 600 million over 1968.

Of these coins, the Denver mint struck about 5 billion, the Philadelphia mint 1-1/2 billion, and the San Francisco mint 664 million.

The smallest individual mintage of the year was the Denver quarter (114 million) and San Francisco nickel (120 million).

YESTERYEAR IN NUMISMATICS



"U.S. MINT AT SAN FRANCISCO WAS ROBBED"

IT WILL REQUIRE COUNT OF \$61,000,000 IN SILVER TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TAKEN

STEADY PILFERING HAS BEEN GOING ON

STEALING WAS DONE FROM GREAT STACKS OF SILVER DOLLARS STORED IN BAGS OF \$1,000 EACH

Washington, Sept. 27 - The U.S. Mint in San Francisco has been robbed. Although it is believed the amount is small, the Treasury Officials confirmed reports of the thefts from the coinage plant on the Pacific Coast. It will require a dollar for dollar count of \$61,000,000 of silver stored there to discover the exact loss. Only \$7,000 have been found to be missing, but circumstances indicate the sum will be increased. G.O. Roberts, Director of the Mint, said undoubtedly there had been a scheme of steady pilfering, but he was confident no great amount had been stolen. The stealing, he added, was from the great stack of silver dollars stored in the bags containing \$1,000 each.

- Ashland Kentucky Independent
September 27, 1913

The biblical Hebrew shekel was of gold, silver and copper. The gold shekel was worth about \$5.00, the silver, about 60 cents and the copper about one and one-half cents. Shekel is taken from the Hebrew word shapal meaning to weigh. It was the fundamental weights of the Hebrews and is supposed to have contained about 260 grains troy.

THE CHAIN IS BROKEN

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount has ordered a "nationwide crackdown" on chain letters, according to a statement by the Post Office Department.

Chain letter pushers entered the numismatic field in force earlier this year.

Persons participating in chain letter gimmicks risk criminal charges. Such letters are "non-mailable" under the mail fraud statutes and the penalty for conviction is \$1,000 or five years in prison, or both.

Collectors receiving chain letters should contact the Post Office in their city immediately.

MEDALS PRESENTED TO ASTRONAUTS

Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin A. Aldrin, Jr., and Michael Collins became the 25th recipients of the National Geographic Society's Hubbard Medal in ceremonies conducted at the DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew presented the 82-year old society's highest award to the three members of the Apollo 11 crew, in recognition of their outstanding feat of research, discovery, and exploration.

The gold medal, designed by the late Laura Gardin Fraser, was first struck in 1906 and awarded to Robert E. Peary for his Arctic explorations, with President Theodore Roosevelt making the presentation.

The 3-1/2" medal weighs 17-1/2 troy ounces. The seal of the National Geographic Society, showing the Western Hemisphere, appears on the obverse. On the reverse, surrounding the central area in which the individual citation appears, are representations of the various animals and peoples of every corner of the earth.

Collector Calendar

- 17 Monroe Coin Club Annual Show, Turner Hall
1217 17th Avenue
Wilson Bloom, 809 2nd St.
Monroe, Wisconsin
- 17 Oshkosh Coin Club
Eagles Ballroom
Washington Avenue
Armin Nimmer, 47 W. 16th Ave.
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901
- 31 Baraboo Coin Club
Baraboo Elks
Harold Prieve, 258 Edgewater Portage, Wisconsin
- 13-14 N.O.W. Convention
Hotel Northland
Bill Barcome, 1629 Deckner
Green Bay, Wisconsin
- 21 Barron County Coin Club
Jefferson School Gym
Eleanor Moxness, 119 Noble Ave.
Rice Lake, Wisconsin
- 20 - Fond du Lac Fall Jamboree
Karl Ray Lanes
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
- 26-27 Milwaukee Numismatic Society
War Memorial Building
A.P. Bertschy
714 E. Glendale
Milwaukee, Wis. 53216

"SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!"

NIX TO:

Bertschy, Gale Highsmith,
Non Gill, Dusty Jackson, Virgil
ackson, Cliff Manthe, and Krause
lications for news clips.

CALLING BEN CASEY

A Philadelphia doctor has warned that no matter what a coin's numismatic value, it can prove dangerous to whack Junior on the back, turn him upside down or shove a probing finger down his throat when he swallows it.

Dr. Gabriel F. Tucker, Jr., a laryngologist, said a finger down the throat can easily push an object into the larynx. Turning the child upside down, he said, is equally dangerous. If the coin has gone most of the way down, it stands a chance of becoming lodged in the throat on the way back.

If Junior's under age four and the coin is a 1909-SVDB cent, or 1877 Indian Head, it will probably need a doctor's help to remove. Nickels will generally stick in kids under five; quarters, if they're younger than eight, and half dollars in teenagers.

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